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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

| FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a)) | | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | minus 20 = | * |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | minus 3 = | * |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | |

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.

SMALL ENTITY

OR

| RATE | FEES |
|------------|----------|
| | \$ _____ |
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| + \$ _____ | = _____ |
| TOTAL | |

**OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY**

OR

| RATE | FEES |
|------------|----------|
| | \$ _____ |
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| + \$ _____ | = _____ |
| TOTAL | |

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II*amndt*

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

| AMENDMENT A | 11-1-04 | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
|---|---------------------------------|---|-------|---|------------------|
| | | Total (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | 20 | Minus | 20 = |
| | Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | 6 | Minus | 5 | = 1 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | | | | |

SMALL ENTITY

OR

| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| + \$ _____ | = _____ |
| TOTAL ADD'L FEE | |

**OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY**

OR

| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| X \$ 88 | = 88.00 |
| + \$ _____ | = _____ |
| TOTAL ADD'L FEE | 88.00 |

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

| AMENDMENT B | | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
|---|---------------------------------|---|-------|---|------------------|
| | | Total (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | Minus | ** | = |
| | Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | | Minus | *** | = |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | | | | |

| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| + \$ _____ | = _____ |
| TOTAL ADD'L FEE | |

| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| + \$ _____ | = _____ |
| TOTAL ADD'L FEE | |

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

| AMENDMENT C | | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
|---|---------------------------------|---|-------|---|------------------|
| | | Total (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | Minus | ** | = |
| | Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | | Minus | *** | = |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | | | | |

| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| + \$ _____ | = _____ |
| TOTAL ADD'L FEE | |

| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| X \$ _____ | = _____ |
| + \$ _____ | = _____ |
| TOTAL ADD'L FEE | |

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Serial No.: 10/709,472 Group Art Unit: 2812

Filed: May 7, 2004 Examiner: Tsai, H. Jey

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AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on September 1, 2004.

Applicants request this Amendment be entered in the above-identified application and
reconsideration of the application in view of the Amendments and Remarks that follow.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that claims 1-20 meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

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